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DURING THE PRESENT BLOODY CIVIL WAR IN AMERICA.

SATURDAY, September 28, 1776, Price Two-pence Half-penny.

From the Virginia Gazette, and other American papers, dated Auguſt 3d, 1776, we have the following Intelligence, brought by the ſhip Chriſtian, which arrived at Greenock on Friday, September 20th, 1776.

New York, July 15,

YESTERDAY Lord Howe ſent up a flag with the Captain and Lieutenant of the Eagle man of war; the Adjutant General met them, after ſome little ceremony, but as the letter was directed for George Waſhington, Eſq he could not recive it; the officers inſiſted much on his receiving it, ſaying it was of a civil nature, his Lordſhip being inveſted with unlimited powers, and was ſorry he had not arrived a few days ſooner. This morning we have accounts that

that the ships, &c. which paſſed the town, are 50 miles up, oppoſite to Tary Town, where the river is four miles wide, and they may be ſafe.

On Tueſday another flag from the fleet appeared, and was met as before, when a letter was again offered, but for the ſame reaſon as the former rejected.

PHILADELPHIA.

IN CONGRESS, JULY 19, 1776.

RESOLVED, That General WASHINGTON, in refuſing to receive a letter ſaid to be ſent from Lord Howe, addreſſed to GEORGE WASHINGTON, Eſq. acted with a dignity becoming his ſtation; and therefore this Congreſs do highly approve the ſame, and do direct that no letter or meſſage be received, on any occaſion whatever, from the enemy, by the Commander in Chief, or other the Commanders of the American army, but ſuch as ſhall be directed to them in the characters they reſpectively ſuſtain. By order of the Congreſs,

JOHN HANCOCK, Preſident.

CONGRESS, JULY 19, 1776.

RESOLVED, That a copy of the circular letters, and the declarations they encloſed from Lord Howe to Mr. W. Franklin, Mr. Penn, Mr. Eden, Lord Dunmore, Mr. Martin, and Sir James Wright, late Governors, ſent to Amboy by a flag, and forwarded to Congreſs by General Waſhington, be publiſhed in the ſeveral Gazettes, that the good people of theſe united ſtates may be informed of what nature are the commiſſioners, and what the terms, with the expectation of which the inſidious court of Great Britain has endeavoured to amuſe and diſarm them; and that the few who ſtill remain ſuſpended by a hope founded either in the juſtice or moderation of their late King, may now, at length, be convinced, that the valour alone of their country is to ſave its liberties.

Extracts from the Journals,

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

" EAGLE,

"EAGLE, off the Coaſt of the Province of Maſſachuſetts Bay, *June* 20, 1776.

" S I R,

" BEING appointed Commander in Chief of the ſhips and veſſels of his Majeſty's fleet employed in North America, and having the honour to be by his Majeſty conſtituted one of his COMMISSIONERS for reſtoring peace to his colonies, and for granting pardon to ſuch of his ſubjects therein as ſhall be duly ſolicitous to benefit by that effect of his gracious indulgence; I embrace this opportunity to inform you of my arrival on the American coaſt, where my firſt object will be an early meeting with General Howe, whom his Majeſty has been pleaſed to join with me in the ſaid Commiſſion.

" In the mean time I have judged it expedient to iſſue the incloſed declaration, in order that all perſons may have immediate information of his Majeſty's moſt gracious intentions. And I deſire you will be pleaſed forthwith to cauſe the ſaid declaration to be promulgated, in ſuch manner, and at ſuch places within the province of New Jerſey, as will render the ſame of the moſt public notoriety.

" Aſſured of being favoured with your aſſiſtance in every meaſure for the ſpeedy and effectual reſtoration of public tranquility, I am to requeſt you will communicate, from time to time, ſuch information as you may think will facilitate the attainment of that important object, in the province over which you preſide.

I have the honour to be,

With great reſpect and conſideration,

Sir, your moſt obedient humble ſervant,

H O W E."

By

By RICHARD VISCOUNT HOWE, of the Kingdom of Ireland, one of the King's Commiſſioners for reſtoring Peace to his Majeſty's Colonies and Plantations in North America, &c.

DECLARATION.

WHEREAS, by an Act paſſed in the laſt ſeſſion of Parliament, to prohibit all trade and intercourſe with the colonies of New Hampſhire, Maſſachuſett's Bay, Rhode Iſland, Connecticut, New York, New Jerſey, Pennſylvania, the three lower countries on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned, it is enacted, 'That it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for any perſon or perſons, appointed and authorized by his Majeſty, to 'grant a pardon, or pardons, to any number or deſcription of 'perſons by proclamation in his Majeſty's name, to declare any 'colony or province, colonies or provinces, or any county, town, 'port, diſtrict, or place, in any colony or province, to be at the 'peace of his Majeſty;' and that, 'from and after the iſſuing 'ſuch proclamation, in any of the aforeſaid colonies or provinces, 'or if his Majeſty ſhall be graciouſly pleaſed to ſignify the ſame 'by his Royal proclamation,' the ſaid 'act, with reſpect to 'ſuch colony or province, colonies or provinces, county, town, 'port, diſtrict or place, ſhall ceaſe, determine, and be utterly 'null and void.'

And whereas the King, deſirous to deliver all his ſubjects from the calamities of war, and other *oppreſſions whilſt they now undergo*, and to reſtore the ſaid colonies to his protection and peace, as ſoon as the conſtitutional authority of government therein may be replaced, hath been graciouſly pleaſed, by letters patent, under the great ſeal, dated the ſixth day of May, in the ſixteenth year of his Majeſty's reign, to nominate and appoint me, Richard Viſcount Howe, of the kingdom of Ireland, and William Howe, Eſquire, General of his forces in North America, and each of us, jointly and ſeverally, to be his Majeſty's commiſſioner and commiſſioners, for granting his *free and general pardon* to all thoſe who, in the tumult and diſaſter of the times, may have deviated from their juſt allegiance, and who are willing, by a ſpeedy return

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to their duty, to reap the benefits of the Royal favour; and alſo for declaring, in his Majeſty's name, any colony, province, county, town, port, diſtrict, or place, to be at the peace of his Majeſty. I DO, THEREFORE, hereby declare, that due conſideration ſhall be had to the meritorious ſervices of all perſons who ſhall aid and aſſiſt in reſtoring the public tranquility in the ſaid colonies, or any part or parts thereof; that pardons ſhall be granted, dutiful repreſentations received, and every ſuitable encouragement given, for promoting ſuch meaſures as ſhall be conducive to the eſtabliſhment of legal government and peace, in purſuance of his Majeſty's moſt gracious purpoſes aforeſaid.

Given on board hiſt Majeſty's ſhip, the Eagle, off the coaſt of the proviuce of Maſſachuſet's Bay, the twentyeth Day of June, 1776.

HOWE.

By Order of the Congreſs,

JOHN HANCOCK, Preſident.

Extract from the Minutes.

CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary.

From tne Virginia Gazette, *Williamſburgh, July* 5.

The following are the Appointments under the new Plan of Government:

PATRICK HENRY, junior, Eſq. Governor.---- John Page, Dudley Digges, John Taylor, John Blair, Benjamin Harriſon of Berkley, Bartholomew Dandridge, Charles Carter of Shirley, and Benjamin Harriſon of Brandon, Counſellors of State.---Thomas Whiting, John Hutchins, Champion Travis, Thomas Newton, jun. and George Webb, Eſqrs. Commiſſioners of Admiralty.----James Huſband, Joſeph Prentis, and John Tyler, Eſqrs. Judges of Admiralty.----Edmund Randolph, Eſq. Attorney Ceneral.----Thomas Everard and James Cocke, Eſqrs. Commiſſioners for ſettling Accounts.

GOD Save the Commonwealth!

In

IN CONGRESS, JUNE 26, 1776.

RESOLVED, That a Bounty of TEN DOLLARS be given to every non-commiſſioned officer and ſoldier, who will enliſt to ſerve for the term of three years.

Extract from the Minutes.

CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary.

New York, July 11. On Wedneſday laſt, the Declaration of Independence was read at the head of each brigade of the Continental army, poſted at and near New York, and every where received with loud huzzas, and the utmoſt demonſtrations of joy.

"The ſame evening the equeſtrian ſtatue of George III. raiſed in the year 1770, was, by the ſons of freedom, laid proſtrate in the dirt. The lead wherewith this monument was made, is to be run into bullets, to aſſimulate with the brain of our intatuated adverſaries, who, to gain a pepper-corn, have loſt an empire."

The paſſengers arrived in the Chriſtian ſay, that the grand attack by his Majeſty's troops, amounting to 26,000 men, was intended to be made upon New York about the 13th of Auguſt.

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